Delay in result of Graduate Level Examination 1999 conducted by SSC

558. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether final results of certain categories of combined main (Graduate Level) Examination 1999, conducted by SSC, are yet to be declared;

(b) if so, the details thereof, category-wise;

(c) the specific reason (s) for delay in declaring the final results;

(d) the action/steps taken by SSC to overcome the difficulties for early declaration of results;

(e) by when these results would be declared and succesful candidates recommended for appointment;

(0 the reason for declaring final results for some of the categories when the examination was combined; and

(g) the detailed criteria for post-wise/ zone-wise allocation of successful candidates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (e) The final results in respect of Assistants, Inspectors of Central Excise/ Income Tax etc. and Sub Inspectors in CBI are yet to be declared mainly because the number of vacancies for the posts of Inspectors of Central Excise/ Income Tax/Customs have yet not been confirmed by the user Departments. Staff Selection Commission have reminded these departments for early confirmation of vacancies. Final results for the remaining categories are likely to be declared soon.

(f) In Combined Graduate Level Main Exam, 1999, Scheme of examination was modified in order to facilitate setting of common question papers for some subjects. However, the scheme of examination/recruitment process still remains different for different categories of posts. The examination consisted of two schemes *viz.* Scheme-A (Assistant Grade, Inspector of Central Excise/Income Tax etc., Sub-Inspectors of CPOs/CBI) and Scheme-B (Divisional Accountants, Auditors/UDCs etc.). The final results of Sis in CPOs falling under Scheme A was declared keeping in view the acute shortage in Police Organisations. The final result of Divisional Accountants/Auditors/UDCs under Scheme B was also declared.

(g) The scheme of examination is different for different categories of posts. Also, the number of vacancies for various categories of posts is different. The merit list for various categories of posts is drawn on all India merit basis, based on aggregate marks in the written examination as well as interview, wherever applicable and the allocation of candidates in the various services depends upon their merit, preference and the vacancy pertaining to the services.

Revision of GDP growth rate

559. SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to revise GDP growth target downward from the earlier stipulated growth rate of 6.5% per annum; and

(b) the latest trends of GDP growth since the first year of Ninth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal with the Planning Commission to scale down the planned growth rate of 6.5% per year as set out in the Ninth Five Year Plan (1997—2002).

(b) As per the Central Statistical Organisation, the growth in Gross Domestic Product since the first year of the Ninth Plan (1997—2002) has been:

Year	Rate of Growth of GDP(%)
1997-98	4.8
1998-99	*6.6*
1999-2000	6.4
2000-2001	5.2

Task Force on employment opportunities

560. SHRI RAMA SHANKERKAUSHBC:
SHRI CM. IBRAHIM:
DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had constituted any task force for creation of employment opportunities in the country and whether the said task force has submitted any report;

(b) if so, the suggestions made in the report;